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RE: MUR 5406

Hynes for Senate, Jeffrey C. Wagner, Friends of Dan Hynes, John Sheridan, and Daniel W. Hynes

Dear Mr. Forde:

This is in response to your letter dated March 1, 2004, which we received on March 2, 2004 requesting an extension until March 15, 2004 to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on or before March 15, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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